

The Community of St. Matthew

Congratulations!



St. Matthew's Graduating Class of 2007

Front Row: Marcel Romo, Victoria Alojado, Felicia Martinez-Garcia,
AJ Garza, Miranda Meszaros, Thomas Holman

Back Row: Alysson Nauertz, Rebecca Goldenstein, Lisa Reese, Rico
Hernandez, Akoni Garcia, Brad Bryan, Donelle Jenniges, Anne
Schletty, Shawna Martinek Not Pictured: Grace Panian

*... exists
in the world
as a visible
expression of
God's love.*

An Open Letter to Graduates of the Class of 2007

Dear Graduates of 2007:

This month marks a milestone for you, for parents and families, your teachers and alma mater.

You have worked hard, you have accomplished and you deserve to bask for a while in the glow of your success.

It is customary for old geezers like me to offer some advice to young people on the occasion of graduation. I am clearly aware that free advice is often worth what it costs, although I ask your indulgence and consideration while I try to offer my two cents worth that might be worth a little more than two cents to you.

1. The world in which you will make your mark is vastly different from the world I encountered as I graduated. Your world is far more complex and far smaller. The clash of cultures, religions, political and moral philosophies is deafening and the globe has shrunk so that what used to be “a far away place” is now our next door neighbor. This will demand of you a heightened sense of understanding and appreciation for the diversity which engulfs you. Old boundaries no longer exist and a static sense of the world is no longer possible. Contradictions seem to be the norm. Populations are on the move and national identities are fading. E.g., the seventh largest French city in the world is London. You will make your mark in a global village.
2. Terrorism and violence are the fruit of a breakdown in respect for the dignity and freedom of peoples. When a people believe their language, culture, faith and ethical standards are threatened they go into a defensive mode and the perceived or real threat becomes the excuse and opportunity to crush one’s adversary. Civility and honest dialogue are no longer possible and the survival of the fittest rules. We do not need to be afraid of disagreements and controversy as long as we can agree that our “opponent” is a person with dignity and value, and as long

as we agree to engage each other honestly in the search for the truth. You will need the courage to be a person of humble strength and welcome honest dialogue if you are to help our tired world achieve some stability and peace.

3. Your faith must be the engine that drives your love and respect for your neighbor. Your appreciation that all people are created in the image of God and are called into union with God is the under girding of your ethics. Your conviction that you are sister or brother to all other members of the human family will allow you to approach the “other” with understanding and respect. The mystery of God’s love present in the Eucharist is the gift that allows you to live out the love and justice and peace of Christ in your family, among your friends, in the class room and work place, in your neighborhood and city, in this global village we call the earth.
4. You have been blessed with opportunities few people on earth possess, opportunities the likes of which earlier generations could not even dream. You are among the wealthiest people ever to people this earth. All this provides you with the opportunity to truly make a difference in the lives of so many others. My prayer for you is that you will bring your considerable gifts to the service of God in your neighbor. My prayer is that you will succeed in being a blessing to others. My prayer is that you will engage life with gusto and relish the beginning of each day. My prayer is that you will never forget those from whom you come.

I admire you and wish you the very best. I am proud of you. I cherish you and ask God to bless you and keep you. Thank you for being who you are and who you will become. If I can help you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, June 2, 5:00 PM —Caitlin Ballin and Anna Erickson. Please welcome them to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP!

If you are an Altar Server, Lector, Communion Minister, Gift Bearer or Usher/Greeter there is a schedule with your name on it in the back of church. It covers June 3 thru Sept. 2. Save us postage by taking your schedule home with you this weekend; and thank you for your faithful ministry!

ADULT HAND BELL CHOIR

The Adult Hand Bell Choir is ringing at our 8:00 AM Mass this weekend. It is their last ministry before summer break. Thank you to Kelsey, Ryan, Stephanie, Jeanne, Kevin, Pat & Nicole! We continue to pray for Joanne Blakeslee who left us midseason for health reasons. When we begin again in the fall we'll be looking for new recruits to complete our ensemble. If you can count to 4 (with a little practice) you fit the bill. Think about it.

LEISURE CLUB NOTICE

The June Luncheon will be June 13th at 12:00 noon. There will be no meeting at 1:30 PM. Installation of officers will be at the luncheon. Father Adrian will be the guest speaker, he will be speaking on "Aging and It's Benefits." A pork roast dinner will be served. Cost is \$11.00. Reservations must be made by June 6. Call Gayle Stelter for information 651-228-0856.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 3, 2007

- Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
- Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8/Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44
- Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	June 3
8:00 AM, MC	Baptism
10:30 AM, MC	Eighth Grade Graduation
11:30 AM, SH	Eighth Grade Graduation Luncheon
Monday	June 4
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	June 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SC	Kindergarten Celebration
Wednesday	June 6
9:00 AM, MC	School Prayer Service
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	June 7
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, PC	AA Meeting
Friday	June 8
Saturday	June 9
9:340 AM, PC	Centering Prayer
Sunday	June 10
10:30 AM, MC	Baptism
12:00 PM, MC	Baptism
12:30 PM, MC	Baptism

Abbreviations:
 MC – Main Church
 CH – Chapel
 PC – Parish Center
 SH – Social Hall
 SC – School
 CC – Child Care
 XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

Today's psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!

Continued thanks to parishioners who are stewards, bold enough to witness to the prompting of the Spirit to prayer, service and sharing:

Prayer...attended daily Mass; prayers at morning, night and at meals...prayed for 15 minutes with my children...spent time in meditation...said special prayers to St. Joseph

Service...visited some folks who are homebound...washed dishes for a friend...spent 25 hours volunteering in the community...visited the sick...shopped for someone who needed that assistance

Sharing...a pleasant surprise: \$13,517 on the 4th Sunday of the month, and a holiday weekend. Thanks for those who are "catching up" or "giving in advance." That is the largest collection since the middle of December!! That amount is \$2,400 greater than the budgeted amount for this fiscal year; it's more than \$4,000 greater than the amount budgeted for next year!

In addition there was \$25 in school envelopes; thank you.

Young people's stewardship: \$4.80 Examples of service this week: helped mom with dinner, played with brother, helped plant flowers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found in the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

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Schedule of Services

Weekend Liturgies Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
 Weekday Liturgies Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM
 1st Friday: 6:45 AM & 5:15 PM

Reconciliation

Tuesday.....7:15 AM
 Saturday..... 4:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who are parishioners make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon one month prior to baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon six months prior to wedding. Must be a member of the parish.

Parish Council Members

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